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NOTICE.

The Seventeenth Council of the First Synod in the Dominion of Canada of the Reformed Episcopal Church will be held (D. V.) in Christ Church, Barrie, Ontario.

The attention of Ministers and Church Wardens is called to the importance of sending their Parochial Reports and List of Delegates at least TEN DAYS before the meeting of the Council. Send the List of Delegates to the Secretary, and the Parochial Report to the Chairman of the Committee on the State of the Church.

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DECLARATION OF PRINCIPLES

OF THE

REFORMED EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

ADOPTED DECEMBER 2D, 1873.

I.

The Reformed Episcopal Church, holding "the faith once delivered unto the saints," declares its belief in the Holy Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments as the Word of God, and the sole Rule of Faith and Practice; in the Creed "commonly called the Apostles' Creed;" in the Divine institution of the Sacraments of Baptism and the Lord's Supper; and in the doctrines of grace substantially as they are set forth in the Thirty-nine Articles of Religion.

II.

This Church recognizes and adheres to Episcopacy, not as of Divine right, but as a very ancient and desirable form of Church polity.

III.

This Church, retaining a Liturgy which shall not be imperative or repressive of freedom in prayer, accepts the Book of Common Prayer, as it was revised, proposed, and recommended for use by the General Convention of the protestant Episcopal Church, A. D. 1785, reserving full liberty to alter, abridge, enlarge, and amend the same, as may seem most conducive to the edification of the people, "provided that the substance of the faith be kept entire."

IV.

This Church condemns and rejects the following erroneous and strange doctrines as contrary to God's Word:

First. That the Church of Christ exists only in one order or form of ecclesiastical polity.

Second. That Christian Ministers are "priests" in another sense than that in which all believers are "a royal priesthood."

Third. That the Lord's Table is an altar on which the oblation of the Body and Blood of Christ is offered anew to the Father.

Fourth. That the Presence of Christ in the Lord's Supper is a presence in the elements of Bread and Wine.

Fifth. That Regeneration is inseparably connected with Baptism.

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1907-1908.

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BISHOP SAMUEL FALLOWS, D. D., LL. D.,

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326 Markham St., Toronto.

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COMMITTEES.

Standing Committee.

Rev. J. Eastburn Brown, Moncton, N. B.
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Rev. Walter Witten, A. M., Ph. D., Barrie, Ont.
Rev. A. D. Cousins, Ottawa.
Samuel Steen, Toronto.
William Cairns, Ottawa.
A. H. Power, Toronto.
W. M. Lockhart, Alliston, Ont.
Jesse Barlow, Belleville.

Board of Trustees.

Rev. A. D. Cousins, 5 years.
Rev. Walter Witten, A. M., Ph. D., 4 years.
T. Williams, 2 years.
W. Sloan, 1 year.
A. Mackey, 3 years.

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Rev. Walter Witten, A. M., Ph. D.
Rev. J. B. Donaldson, J. H. Spencer,
Alex. Hall, His Hon. Judge J. A. Ardagh.

State of the Church.

Rev. A. B. Hubly, Rev. E. C. Russell,
E. T. Thompson, Robert Kerr.

Publication.

Rev. Willard Brewing, Chas E. Palmer,
Dr. George Hill, John Neate.

Memorials and Resolutions.

Rev. J. B. Donaldson,
Rev. A. B. Hubly, Robert E. Holt.

Audit.

E. T. Thompson, R. J. Gallagher.

MINUTES.

FIRST DAY.

BELLEVILLE, ONT., May 23rd, 1907.

The Sixteenth Council of the First Synod of the Reformed Episcopal Church in the Dominion of Canada held its opening session at 8 p.m. in Emmanuel Church.

Evening Prayer was read, the following taking part in the service: Rev. Messrs. A. M. Hubly, Geo. Orman, W. Witten, A. M., Ph. D., Willard Brewing and A. B. Hubly. A sermon was preached by Rev. A. D. Cousins from the text, "For the love of Christ constraineth us," II. Cor. 5:14.

At the close of the service, the Council was called to order by the Vice-President, Rev. A. M. Hubly, prayer being offered by the Rev. E. C. Russell.

The roll was called, and a quorum being present, the Council was declared legally opened for the transaction of business.

LIST OF MEMBERS.

CLERICAL.

*BISHOP SAMUEL FALLOWS, D. D., LL. D., 967 Monroe Street, Chicago, Ill.

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REV. J. EASTBURN BROWN, Moncton, N. B.

*REV. WALTER WITTEN, A. M., Ph. D., Barrie, Ont.

*REV. A. B. HUBLY, 652 St. André Street, Montreal

*REV. ARTHUR DIXON COUSINS, Ottawa.

*Rev. Geo. Orman, Sussex, N. B.

*Rev. Willard Brewing, 326 Markham St., Toronto.

*Rev. E. C. Russell, Ottawa.

*Rev. J. B. Donaldson, Ottawa.

Rev. Archibald H. Grace, M. D., Allahabad, India.

Rev. A. Worger Slade, Alliston, Ont.

Rev. W. J. Gilliland, Philadelphia, Pa.

Lay.

Emmanuel, Ottawa—*William Cairns, J. C. Trotter, F. Journeaux; *Alternates*, *J. H. Spencer, Thos. Lowry.

Christ, Toronto—*A. H. Power, Thos. E. Davis, Samuel Wright; *Alternates*, *Robert Kerr, Alex Hall, Chas. Palmer.

St. Bartholomew's, Montreal—E. Roberts, W. Sloan; *Alternates*, Thos. Spindlo, W. Smythe.

Emmanuel, Belleville—J. D. Ford, *J. W. Barlow, *E. T. Thompson; *Alternates*, A. S. Large, John Neate, *C. J. Cook.

Christ, Barrie—*Robert J. Gallagher, *David Jamieson; *Alternates*, Benjamin Lawrence, Christopher Horsefield.

Emmanuel Toronto—*Samuel Steen, *Robert E. Holt.

St. Paul's, Moncton—Thos. Williams; *Alternate*, J. E. Masters.

St. John's, Sussex—P. T. Flewelling, J. H. Deforest; *Alternates*, Wm. Upham, Harvey Dole.

Grace, Alliston—J. E. Salter.

St. David's, Ottawa—No Credentials.

(Those marked * were present.)

I do hereby solemnly declare that I am a member of the Reformed Episcopal Church in the Dominion of Canada and an enrolled communicant of the same, and assent to the principles of the said church as set forth in the declaration of principles thereof.

E. T. Thompson, Belleville.
J. W. Barlow, Belleville.
R. J. Gallagher, Barrie.
D. F. Jamieson, Barrie.
J. Hervey Spencer, Ottawa.
C. J. Cooke, Belleville.
A. H. Power, Toronto.
Robert Kerr, Toronto.
Samuel Steen, Toronto.
Robert E. Holt, Toronto.
William Cairns, Ottawa

The Chair appointed as a Committee on Credentials, Rev. Dr. Witten, Mr. Jesse Barlow and Rev. A. B. Hubly.

On motion of Mr. R. J. Gallagher, the printed programme was adopted as the order of business.

The Committee on Credentials reported certificates of lay delegates correct.

On motion of Mr. William Cairns, the minutes of the last Council were confirmed as printed.

The following Nominating Committee was appointed by the Chair: Rev. A. D. Cousins, Rev. Dr. Witten, A. H. Power and E. T. Thompson.

On motion of Dr. Witten, Mr. William Cairns was elected to fill the vacancy on the Standing Committee.

On motion the Council adjourned.

SECOND DAY.

BELLEVILLE, May 24th, 1907.

MORNING SESSION.

After a devotional service, conducted by the Rev. E. C. Russell, the Council was called to order at 9.30 a. m. by the President, Bishop Fallows, D. D., LL. D.

Rev. A. B. Hubly was elected to the office of Secretary.

The minutes of the previous session were read and approved.

Bishop Fallows read his Episcopal Report as follows :

REPORT OF BISHOP FALLOWS

To the First Synod of the Reformed Episcopal Church in the Dominion of Canada.

DEAR BRETHREN :

The interval of time between the meeting of the Synodical Council, held in Toronto on September 5th and 6th of last year, and the date of the present Council, is so short, that the record of my Episcopal work must be necessarily brief.

I have endeavored, during this period, to maintain an active correspondence with the Rectors and Ministers in charge of the several parishes, and thus keep thoroughly informed of the work which is being accomplished by them.

Early in the Spring I sent a communication to each of them regarding the feasibility of securing a Bishop who should live within the limits of the Dominion. The consensus of opinion was, that it was not practical at the present time to carry out the idea.

I accordingly laid aside many pressing duties to devote, with increasing cheerfulness, the maximum of time and thought and energy demanded, to measurably meet the obligation resting upon me by the action of the General Council.

Having, however, the ultimate realization of the hope before me that at some future day there might be a distinctively Canadian Bishop, I had an interview, which was arranged by the Rev. Dr. Witten, with our highly esteemed fellow communicant and staunch defender of the faith, the Honorable Sir James Gowan, of Barrie, Ontario. This distinguished jurist and statesman, who has held some of the highest offices in the Dominion, was greatly interested in the plan to endow an Episcopal fund. He gave me the assurance that he would, by request, do all that he consistently could in this direction. He strenuously insisted, however, that the complete Unity now prevailing between the Churches in the United States and the Dominion, should not be marred in the least degree. And this

injunction was in perfect harmony with the great and comprehensive idea of the essential unity between the British Empire and the United States of America, which, he maintains, ought ever to exist, and to which he has consecrated his long, and varied and useful life. He is almost the last one living of the great statesmen and progressive thinkers of the Victorian Age, with most of whom he was personally familiar. By his personal influence, his unexcelled judicial decisions, his contributions to literature, he has woven that life into the permanent history of these two great peoples. And, standing on the sunlit summit of almost a century of years, he sees with prophetic vision that, in the coming days, united together they shall permeate all nations with Christian principles,

"Hush the tumult of war,
And give peace to the world."

On Sunday, April 28th, I preached morning and evening in Christ Church, Barrie, to large congregations and after the evening service confirmed eleven persons, presented by the Rector, the Rev. Dr. Witten.

On Monday evening, April 29th, I preached in Grace Church, Alliston, and confirmed one candidate, presented by the Minister in charge, the Rev. A. Worger Slade. Owing to a severe rain storm several persons who were intending to be confirmed were prevented from being present.

On Tuesday evening, April 30th, I preached in Emmanuel Church, Toronto, and administered the Holy Communion, assisted by the Rev. Willard Brewing. I wish to express my earnest appreciation of the attention the Rev. Willard Brewing has given to this parish in the absence of a regular Rector.

On Wednesday evening I preached in Christ Church, Toronto, to a congregation which filled the Church, and confirmed 14 persons, presented by the Rector, the Rev. Willard Brewing.

It gives me the greatest pleasure to state that I found the Parishes above enumerated full of zeal and enthusiasm for our Church and inspired with increasing hope for its prosperity in the Dominion. We may truly say, "Hitherto the Lord hath helped us." And with his continued blessing upon us we can all "Go forward and do a grand work," as our sainted leader, Bishop Cummins, enjoined us to do with his parting breath.

Respectfully submitted,

SAMUEL FALLOWS.

Rev. A. D. Cousins offered the following resolution.

Resolved, that in the opinion of this Synod, the time has come to elect a resident Canadian Bishop, to be chosen from the Presbyters.

After discussion by Bishop Fallows, Rev. A. D. Cousins, Rev. Mr. Brewing, Robert Kerr, Rev. A. M. Hubly, Rev. Mr. Orman, Rev. Col. Donaldson, A. H. Power, Rev. A. B. Hubly, William Cairns, J. H. Spencer, J. W. Barlow and Rev. E. C. Russell; It was moved in amendment by Mr. R. J. Gallagher

that the question be referred to a committee appointed by the President to report at a special or regular meeting of the Synod. Carried.

In the absence of the Treasurer, his report was read by the Secretary as follows:

TREASURER'S REPORT.

Receipts.

1906				
Sept.	5	—Balance	$ 34 91	
"	"	Emmanuel Church, Belleville, for 1905 from Rev. A. M. Hubly	10.00	
"	"	St. Paul's Church, Moncton, N. B., for 1905, from Rev. J. Eastburn Brown	10.00	
"	"	Emmanuel Church, Toronto, for 1906	10.00	
"	"	Rev. Mr. Cousins	1.00	
"	"	Rev. Mr. Slade	1.00	
"	29	St. John's Church, Sussex, N. B., for 1906 through Rev. A. M. Hubly	10 00	
Dec.	7	Emmanuel Church, Ottawa, for 1906	24.85	
1907				
Jan.	16	Emmanuel Church, Belleville, for 1906	15.00	
Mar.	5	Christ Church, Toronto, for "	9.85	
"	29	" " " " "	9.85	
"	"	" " Barrie " "	15.00	
				$ 151.46
		Balance		12.46

Payments.

Sept.	5	Emmanuel Church, Toronto	30.00	
"	"	Rev. A. M. Hubly	8.30	
"	"	Rev. A. B. Hubly	10.00	
"	12	Rev. Dr. W. Witten	7.25	
Jan.	22	The Intelligencer Co., Belleville	33.20	
		Grace Church, Alliston	50.00	
May	15	Stamps	.25	
				$ 139.00

On motion the report was received and referred to an Auditing Committee consisting of Mr. E. T. Thompson and Mr. A. H. Power.

A report was received from the Board of Trustees, through Rev. W. Witten, A. M., Ph. D.

Rev. A. D. Cousins read the report of the Standing Committee, recommending as candidates for the Presbyterate Rev. Willard Brewing, Rev. E. C. Russell and Rev. Col. J. B.

Name and L of Chur	Foreign Missions.	Other Contributions.	Total Contributions.	Buildings.	Insurance.	Value of Unencumbered Property.
St. Paul's, Mon	56 25	12 10	1082 90	3	6000	8300
Emmanuel, Ott	59 02	1851 05	5066 69	2	8500	11500
Christ Church,	140	1043 00	3525 89	1	4500	6000
St. John's, Suss				3	2200	4370
Christ Church,	86	97 28	1786 74	1	5000	6000
St. Bartholomew	73	45	1125 64			
Emmanuel, Bel	115	599 88	1650 08	2	2500	3650
St. David's, Ott	30 24	416 90	1325 66	2	3500	4150
Emmanuel, Tor		380 00	1260 00	1	1500	2000
Grace Church,		6 00	555 35			
	659 51	4451 21	17378 95	15	33700	45970

Name and Location of Church.	Minister.	Organized.	S. S. Scholars.	S. S. Teachers and Officers.	Baptisms.	Confirmations.	Received otherwise.	Died or Removed.	Communicants.	Current Expenses.	Church Extension.	Widows' and Orphans' Fund.	Theological Seminary.	Assessment General Council.	Communion Alms.	Synodical Fund.	S. S. Offerings.	Foreign Missions.	Other Contributions.	Total Contributions.	Buildings.	Insurance.	Value of Unencumbered Property.
St. Paul's, Moncton ..	Rev. J. E. Brown	1873	45	6			2	1	70	979 86		10	6 75				18	56 25	12 10	1082 90	3	6000	8300
Emmanuel, Ottawa....	Rev. A. D. Cousins ...	1874	140	14	14	13	23		130	2840 11		6	5 00	15 60	31 20	25 00	133 68	159 02	1851 05	5066 69	2	8500	11500
Christ Church, Toronto.	Rev. Willard Brewing	1874	240	27	17	24	56	12	220	2226 02	15 00	16 50	13 12	15 60	36 65	20 00	450	140	1043 00	3525 89	1	4500	6000
St. John's, Sussex.... .	Rev. Geo. Orman	1874	62	6	1				150	400 00			2 50				47				3	2200	4370
Christ Church, Barrie..	Rev. W. Witten, A. M., Ph. D.	1876	96	9	10	19	4	10	85	1475 11	15 00	15	15	3 50	4 85	15 00	60	86	97 28	1786 74	1	5000	6000
St. Bartholomew's, Montreal	Rev. A. B. Hubly.	1877	50	10	3				60	886 75						10 00	110 89	73	45	1125 64			
Emmanuel, Belleville...	Rev. A. M. Hubly. ..	1888	74	9	11	8	2	5	104	726 11	15 00	6	5 50	4 00	7 60	15 00	156 54	115	599 88	1650 08	2	2500	3650
St. David's, Ottawa ...	Rev. E C. Russell. ..	1889	43	7	7	8			40	754 60							123 92	30 24	416 90	1325 66	2	3500	4150
Emmanuel, Toronto ..		1894	(79)	(9)	4	7			78	860						20 00			380 00	1260 00	1	1500	2000
Grace Church, Alliston .	Rev. A. Worger Slade	1906	23	2	3	1	4		36	537 28							12 07		6 00	555 35			
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Donaldson, and requesting their examination. On motion the report was received.

It was moved by Rev. E. C. Russell and carried, that the consideration of the Catechism prepared by Dr. Witten, be the first item under the head of new business.

The Council adjourned after singing a verse of the National Anthem and the Doxology. The Benediction was pronounced by Bishop Fallows.

AFTERNOON SESSION.

After a devotional service, conducted by Rev. George Oram, the Council was called to order at 2.30 p. m. by the President.

The minutes of the preceding session were read and approved.

Rev. A. B. Hubly presented and read the report of the Committee on the State of the Church. On motion the report was received and a prayer of thanksgiving was offered by Rev. Col. Donaldson for the increased prosperity and encouraging growth in membership. A general discussion, by the President and members of the Council, commended the work of the Christian Endeavor Society and the Brotherhood of Andrew and Philip, and also emphasized the value of alternate morning and evening communion services.

Rev. W. Witten A. M., Ph. D. presented a report of receipts for the Van Horn Furlough Fund, which on motion was received with thanks.

VAN HORN FURLOUGH FUND.

Grace Church, Alliston	$ 6.00
Emmanuel Church, Belleville	8.00
St. Paul's Church, Moncton	15.50
St. Bartholomew's Church, Montreal	10.50
Emmanuel Church, Ottawa	20.00
Christ Church, Toronto	22.65
Christ Church, Barrie	26.00
Church of Our Lord, Victoria, B. C	16.50
St. Paul's, Church, New Westminster	10.00
	$ 135.1

The Rev. A. D. Cousins presented the report of the Nominating Committee as follows:—

Vice-President—Rev. A. M. Hubly.

Secretary—Rev. A. B. Hubly.

Asst. Secretary—Rev. Willard Brewing.

Treasurer—George C. Coles.

COMMITTEES.

Standing Committee.—Rev's. J. E. Brown, A. M. Hubly, W. Witten, A. M., Ph. D., A. D. Cousins, Messrs. Samuel Steen, William Cairns, A. H. Power, W. M. Lockhart, and Jesse Barlow.

Trustees—Rev. A. D. Cousins, Rev. W. Witten, A. M., Ph. D., Messrs. T. Williams, W. Sloan, and A. Mackey.

Constitution and Canons—Rev. W. Witten, A.M., Ph.D., Rev. J. B. Donaldson, Messrs. J. H. Spencer, Alex. Hall and His Honor Judge A. Ardagh.

State of the Church—Rev's. A. B. Hubly, E. C. Russell, Messrs. E. T. Thompson and Robert Kerr.

Publication—Rev. Willard Brewing, Messrs. Chas. E. Palmer, Geo. Hill, M. D., and John Neate.

Memorials and Resolutions—Rev's. Col. J. B. Donaldson, A. B. Hubly and Mr. Robert E. Holt.

Audit—Messrs. E. T. Thompson and R. J. Gallagher.

Respectfully submitted,

A. D. COUSINS,
WALTER WITTEN,
A. H. POWER,
E. T. THOMPSON.

By unanimous motion the Secretary was instructed to cast a single ballot for the officers and committees named in the report. The Secretary cast the ballot and the President announced their election.

The Rev. Willard Brewing presented the report of the Prayer Book Committee containing the following statement:

W. BREWING IN ACCOUNT WITH SYNOD.

Cash Received.

From copies left over from last Council	$ 3 00	
" Treasurer of Synod	3 62	
" Emmanuel Church, Belleville	15 00	
" Emmanuel " Toronto	15 00	
" Grace Church, Alliston	5 60	
" St. Bartholomew's, Montreal	15 00	
" Christ Church, Barrie	14 70	
" Emmanuel Church, Ottawa	21 50	
" Private sales	60 70	
		$154 12

Cash Disbursed.

To Bryant Press as per other statement	$167 50	
Due W. Brewing		$13 38

Assets.

75 Cloth-bound books in stock, 30c	$22 75

Liabilities.

Bryant Press bal. of acct	$15 00

500 unbound copies in stock.

On motion the report was received and a unanimous vote of thanks extended to Mr. Brewing.

The thanks of the Council were also extended, by a rising vote, to Rev. Geo. Orman for his services as Business Manager of the Canadian edition of the Episcopal Recorder.

On motion of Rev. E. C. Russell, it was ordered that the greetings of the Synod be sent to Bishop Cridge, Bishop Wilson and Bishop Eldridge.

Rev. A. D. Cousins read the correspondence received in reply to the Synod's invitation to Bishop Eldridge. It included the following resolution :

37 Ouseley Road, Balham, London, S.W.
25th March, 1907.

TO THE GENERAL SYNOD OF THE REFORMED EPISCOPAL CHURGH IN CANADA :

Gentlemen,—

At a meeting of the General Standing Committee of the Reformed Episcopal Church in the United Kingdom, held on the 15th March inst., the following Resolution was unanimously passed :—

"That this General Standing Committee of the Reformed Episcopal Church in the United Kingdom, desire to express their sincere thanks to the Synod of the Reformed Episcopal Church in Canada, for the courtesy and goodwill shown in the hearty invitation given (through the Rev. A. D. Cousins) to the Presiding Bishop in England, to be present and to preach at the forthcoming meetings of the Canadian Synod ; and they further desire to assure their Brethren and Fellow-countrymen in the Dominion, of their fraternal affection, and their earnest prayers that the blessing of Almighty God may ever and abundantly rest upon the labours of the Canadian Churches."

I was directed to forward a copy of this Resolution to you, which I have pleasure in accordingly doing.

Your Servant and Brother in Christ,

J. A. HOUGHTON.

Financial pledges were then received as follows for the support of the Synod :

Christ Church, Barrie	$15.00
Emmanuel, Ottawa	25.00
Christ Church, Toronto	25.00
Emmanuel, Belleville	20.00
Emmanuel, Toronto	10.00
St. Bartholomew's	10.00
Mr. E. Roberts	5.00
St. John's, Sussex (Paid)	10.00
St. Paul's, Moncton	10.00
St. David's, Ottawa	10.00

On motion of Dr. Witten it was ordered that the offering at to-night's service be contributed to the general funds of the Synod.

On motion of Mr. R. J. Gallagher the sum of fifty dollars was granted to Grace Church, Alliston.

On motion, the sum of twenty-five dollars was given to the Secretary.

The Council accepted the invitation from Mr. D. F. Jamieson to hold its next annual meeting in Christ Church, Barrie. Invitations were also extended by St. John's, Sussex, and Emmanuel, Ottawa.

Rev. A. D. Cousins moved that a special committee of three be appointed to consider the Catechism prepared by Rev. Dr. Witten and to report at the next annual meeting.

After general discussion the committee was appointed, consisting of Revs. W. Witten, A. M., Ph. D., A. B. Hubly and George Orman.

The following message was received from Sir James Gowan, K. C. M. G., and read by Rev. Dr. Witten :

"Proceed cautiously; move slowly; keep to the old paths."

The Rev. Geo. Orman then offered the following, which was unanimously carried :

Resolved: That the First Synod of the Reformed Episcopal Church of Canada in session assembled, has listened with deep interest and profound appreciation to the wise and weighty, the loving and tender messages from the venerable and well beloved brother Sir James Gowan, K. C. M. G., of Barrie, Ontario. They thank God most heartily for the priceless services rendered by our brother not to the Church at Barrie alone, although what he has under God been enabled to do for that Church cannot be properly appraised in words, however fitting and well-chosen, but the whole Reformed Episcopal Church in Canada and the United States is indebted to him for gifts and advice, weighty, wise and timely. More particularly at this time would they gratefully acknowledge the late proof of his love and care for the future of the Church, as intimated to our esteemed brethren the Rev. Dr. Witten and Bishop Fallows, in his intention to bequeath five thousand dollars as an endowment fund to provide a stipend for a resident Canadian Bishop. They fervently pray that if it be the Divine will, our brother may be spared yet for years to watch over and advise and aid the church of his adoption, love and care.

The Auditing Committee, through Mr. A. H. Power, reported the Treasurer's accounts satisfactory.

On motion of Rev. A. D. Cousins, it was ordered that the sum of twenty dollars be given to Emmanuel Church, Toronto, to assist in paying for pulpit supply.

The customary votes of thanks were accorded by the Council to its officers, and to the Rector and people of Belle-

ville for their hospitality and kindness to visiting delegates. Brief addresses were given in reply by Bishop Fallows, Rev. A. M. Hubly and Mr. J. W. Barlow.

A report was received from the Standing Committee through its Secretary, Rev. A. D. Cousins, recommending for ordination to the Deaconate, Mr. Howard A. Lepper, whose application, accompanied with satisfactory testimonials, had been received from Bishop Fallows. The ordination of Revs. Col. J. B. Donaldson, Willard Brewing and E. C. Russell to the Presbyterate was also ordered, they having been duly recommended by their examiners.

On motion the Council adjourned.

Divine service was held at 8 p. m., a large congregation being present. Revs. J. B. Donaldson, Willard Brewing and E. C. Russell were presented by Revs. A. D. Cousins and A. M. Hubly for ordination to the Presbyterate,and were received and ordained by Bishop Samuel Fallows, D.D., LL.D., the following Presbyters uniting in the laying on of hands: Revs. A. D. Cousins, W. Witten, A. M., Ph. D., A. M. Hubly, A. B. Hubly and George Orman. The ordination sermon was preached by Rev. Dr. Witten from the text, "The battle is the Lord's," I. Sam. xvii.: 47. At the close of the service a large number united in the Communion of the Lord's Supper.

The Council was then called to order by the President.

The Minutes of the last session were read and confirmed.

The President appointed the members of the committee to consider the question of the Canadian Episcopate, as follows: Rev. A. M. Hubly, Rev. Col. Donaldson, Mr. Alex. Hall and Mr. George Coles.

On motion of Rev. A. D. Cousins, it was ordered that three hundred copies of the Minutes be printed at Belleville.

The request of Rev. Dr. Witten for a better support of the Canadian Recorder by literary contributions, was followed by a general and interesting discussion.

On motion of Mr. A. H. Power, a committee on programme and entertainment was appointed, consisting of Rev. W. Witten A. M., Ph. D., Geo. Coles, and Robert J. Gallagher.

Upon motion it was ordered that the sermons preached at the council be published in the local press and in the Episcopal Recorder.

On motion the Synod adjourned sine die. The benediction was pronounced by Bishop Fallows, D. D., LL. D.

A. B. HUBLY,
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